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Main Entry: **'con-ju-gate** 4

Pronunciation: \ˈkän-jī-gət, -jə-gāt\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Middle English *conjugal*, from Latin *conjugatus*, past participle of *conjugare* to unite, from *com-* + *jugare* to join, from *jugum* yoke — more at **YOKE**

Date: 15th century

**1 a** : joined together especially in pairs : **COUPLED** **b** : acting or operating as if joined

**2 a** : having features in common but opposite or inverse in some particular **b** : relating to or being conjugate complex numbers <complex roots occurring in conjugate pairs>

**3** of an acid or base : related by the difference of a proton <the acid  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and the base  $\text{NH}_3$  are conjugate to each other>

**4** : having the same derivation and therefore usually some likeness in meaning <conjugate words>

**5** of two leaves of a book : forming a single piece

— **con-ju-gate-ly** *adverb*

— **con-ju-gate-ness** *noun*

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Main Entry: **car·ri·er**

Pronunciation: \ˈker-ē-ər, ˈka-rē-\

Function: *noun*

Date: 14th century

**1** : one that carries : **BEARER**, **MESSENGER**

**2 a** : an individual or organization engaged in transporting passengers or goods for hire **b** : a transportation line carrying mail between post offices **c** : a postal employee who delivers or collects mail **d** : one that delivers newspapers **e** : an entity (as a hole or an electron) capable of carrying an electric charge

**3 a** : a container for carrying **b** : a device or machine that carries : **CONVEYOR**

**4** : **AIRCRAFT CARRIER**

**5 a** : a bearer and transmitter of a causative agent of an infectious disease; *especially* : one who carries the causative agent of a disease systemically but is asymptomatic or immune to it **b** : an individual (as one heterozygous for a recessive trait) having a specified gene that is not expressed or only weakly expressed in its phenotype

**6 a** : a usually inactive accessory substance : **VEHICLE** <a carrier for a drug or an insecticide> **b** : a substance (as a catalyst) by whose agency some element or group is transferred from one compound to another

**7 a** : an electromagnetic wave or alternating current whose modulations are used as communications signals (as in radio, telephonic, or telegraphic transmissions)

**b** : a telecommunication company

**8** : an organization acting as an insurer

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